EXTERNAL AGENCIES SUMMARY

Programs and Services

The budget recommendations presented on the following pages contain seven categories of Community Non-Profit Funds: Arts, Cultural Assets & Parks Fund; Business Associations Fund; Housing Fund; Human Services Community Fund; Youth Fund; External Capital Grant Fund; and Community Fund. Following these seven categories is a listing of additional external agency allocations contained in various Metro agency budgets.

A process developed in 2003 allows for the evaluation of requests from non-profit agencies for Metro tax dollars in a fair, consistent and accountable manner. This process consists of a panel for each of the five categories above — with each panel composed of three representatives of the Mayor at the Cabinet and Agency level, three Metro Council representatives, and three citizens with interest and expertise, but not directly involved in any agency receiving allocations. Clear, written policies and procedures outline specific requirements for qualification, training, monitoring, financial reporting, and reporting of program effectiveness.